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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: STATE 060066

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL I BROUGHT TO ATHENS WITH ME OVER THE WEEKEND THE SIGNED ORIGINAL COPY OF THE LETTER DATED MARCH 16, 1977 FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. I DELIVERED THE LETTER TO HIM TODAY AND HE READ IT WITH CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION AND APPRECIATION. HE ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS SPECIAL THANKS TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND SAID THAT HE HOPED VERY MUCH TO BE ABLE TO GO TO LONDON AND HAVE A PERSONAL MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WHEN THE PRESIDENT IN THERE IN MAY. CARAMANLIS SAID HE WAS TRYING TO READJUST HIS COMMITMENTS FOR THAT PERIOD AND WOULD LET ME KNOW DEFINITELY WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GO.

2. FOR THE TELEGRPHIC RECORD AND INFORMATION OF ANKARA AND NICOSIA, THE TEXT OF THE LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

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IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES, SECRETARY CLIFFORD MET WITH ME TO GIVE ME A FULL ACCOUNT OF HIS VISIT TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AS MY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. WHILE I KNOW THAT HE HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CORDIAL AND WARM RECEPTION HE WAS ACCORDED IN GREECE, I WANT TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR THE TIME, THE HOSPITALITY AND THE MANY

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COURTESIES YOU AND YOUR ADVISERS EXTENDED TO SECRETARY
CLIFFORD AND HIS PARTY..

YOUR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL
INTEREST IN A FRANK AND OPEN MANNER CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING
SECRETARY CLIFFORD'S ATHENS STOP EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL.
YOUR ELOQUENT AND DETAILED EXPOSITION MADE A DEEP AND
LASTING IMPRESSION ON SECRETARY CLIFFORD, WHO IN TURN
HAS FAITHFULLY COMMUNICATED THE SPIRIT AND ESSENCE OF
YOUR REMARKS TO ME. AS A RESULT, WE NOW HAVE A
GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE COMPLEXITY AND SENSITIVITY
OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED. PENDING A MORE DETAILED
REVIEW OF THESE QUESTIONS, BASED BOTH ON YOUR JANAURY
LETTER TO ME AND SECRETARY CLIFFORD'S REPORT, I
WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES IS
CONSCIOUS OF THE SENSITIVE AND DELICATE NATURE OF
THE PROBLEMS YOU FACE AND IS READY TO BE OF SUCH
ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE CLIFFORD MISSION HAS SET
THE STAGE FOR EARLY SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS TOWARD A
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND I KNOW
THAT YOU WILL DO ALL THAT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER TO HELP
MAKE THIS A REALITY. I MA HOPEFUL, TOO, THAT THE
CLIFFORD MISSION HAS SET THE TONE OFR A NEW ERA OF
CLOSE AND WARM RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
GREECE. YOU HAVE MY PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT I WILL DO
ALL IN MY POWER TO WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL AND TO BUILD
ON THE AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING WHICH SECRETARY CLIFFORD
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HAS PROVIDED.

I TRUST THAT WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
AT AN EARLY DATE AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF
CONCERN TO BOTH OURCOUNTIRES.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER
END QUOTE.
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